

# Using Data to Drive Instruction



Westwood Elementary School is Making it Happen!



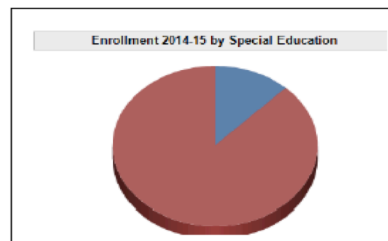
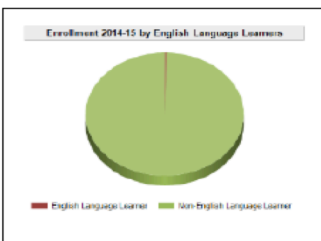
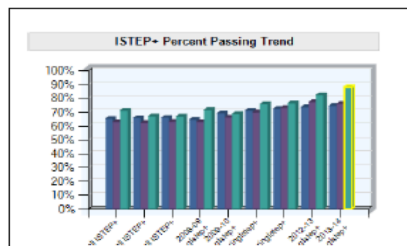
**WE ARE** New Castle Community Schools are located in Henry County in East Central Indiana. They are mostly rural/suburban with approximately 60% of their students receiving free or reduced lunches. Westwood itself has 38.6% of their students receiving free or reduced lunches.

**OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES** In 2014 Westwood students scored higher than 83.3% of the students in Indiana on ISTEP. 91.8% of their students are Caucasian. There is a 16.4:1 student/teacher ratio.

**OUR PROMISING PRACTICE** Westwood uses "The 8 Step Process of Instruction" and using data to drive our instruction. They take full advantage of the District's professional development opportunities to ensure that they stay on the cutting edge of educational instruction. Each student works in a flexible small group on a daily basis to improve Math and Language Arts skills. Students will receive remediation, maintenance, or enrichment depending on their current skill level."

**OUR STEPS** Teachers meet in grade level teams regularly to review and discuss current multiple measures of student data. Each teacher compiles a data binder on his/her students that includes standardized assessments, attendance, behavior, classroom assessments, and student work. They reflect on current student mastery, plan re-teaching and extension activities, and then plan next steps looking at ways to help individual students overcome possible upcoming barriers. The process is embedded in the culture of Westwood and sustained by the teachers themselves with administrative support.

## OUR SOURCES



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